

As of 07/12/2010

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Workplan: June 2010 – December 2010

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Link to Corporate Priorities / Targets	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
1 June 2010		Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) boycott	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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29 June 2010		Consultation on School Re-organisation proposals in Macclesfield	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
		Changing policy landscape in	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in		

		children's services	Cheshire East		
		Presentation on adoption – prior to a forthcoming inspection of the service	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
		Performance – Outturn	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
		Corporate Plan	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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27 July 2010		Admissions Regulations	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
		Adoption	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
		Early years funding reform – briefing on the national formula	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		

		Informal Meetings	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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7 September 2010		Review of Residential Provision (Task group)	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To consider and agree the recommendations of the task group	All recommendations agreed and went to cabinet 20.09.10
		Macclesfield High School and Macclesfield School Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Following the meeting on 27.07.10 – Committee asked to consider and comment on the evaluation process for considering future options	Evaluation process approved – reports to come back after consultation has ended.
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16 September 2010 (Mid Point meeting)		Performance Monitoring Report – 2010 Exam Results	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Report on the recent exam results – highlighting areas of success and areas in need of improvement	To consider areas earmarked for improvement when next appropriate i.e. next years exam results.
		Safeguarding and Redesign of	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in	To listen to an update of the redesign and for the Committee to be aware of the proposed	Keep the Committee

		Children's Services update	Cheshire East	action plan and direction of travel.	updated of any developments
		Draft Children's Plan update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To provide the committee with an update	Involve the Committee in the consultation process due in mid-November 2010
		Developments in central government thinking	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Update / Brief	More will be known post CSR – perhaps bring this back to Committee in November?
		Connexions update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Update / Brief	In period of consultation – option to bring back to Committee after decision is made to consider future options.
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19 October 2010		Academies Update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update the Committee on the Academies Act 2010 and its financial implications	Updates brought to the committee on a 1/4 basis.
		SEN Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To inform the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee of the Children and Families review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision	That the Committee receive further

				and progress made to date.	updates on the progress of the review, especially as recommendations develop
		Annual Unannounced Inspection	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Update the Committee on the progress of the action plan	Updates brought to the committee on a ¼ basis
		Regulation 33 visit	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	As a result of the recommendation of the residential provision review	Updates to be brought bi-annually (March 2011)
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16 November 2010 (mid point)		Macclesfield High School Update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update the Committee on the progress of the consultation and to seek endorsement of the process	Consultation doc not endorsed due to pending Call In – formal consultation response to be given on the 7/12/2010
		Cabinet Response to Residential Provision Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To inform the Committee of the responses to the Residential Provision review.	Responses were considered - few amendments made. Need a further meeting to receive the cabinet's full

					response.
		Obesity and Diabetes Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To inform the Committee of the progress on the recommendations of the review which relate to Children and Families	Recommendations noted – bring back for further comment at a future meeting.
		Task and Finish group discussion	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To set up a Task and Finish review and to confirm Membership	Review on Fostering Services agreed – terms of reference to be brought to Committee on 7/12/2010
Date of meeting		Topic	Link to Corporate Priorities / Targets	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
7 December 2010		Government White Paper on Education briefing	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To brief the Committee on the content and possible implications of the Govt's White Paper	
		Family support review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To receive and consider the recommendations of the Family Support T&F review	
		Action plan from unannounced inspection update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To follow up the update provided on 19.10.10	
		Schools Inspection Report	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To receive and comment on the schools inspection report	

		Macclesfield High School – Committee Consultation	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To produce a Committee response to the formal consultation over the proposed closure of Macclesfield high school upon the opening of an academy.	
		Fostering Services T & F	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To ratify the T&F group and note the group's terms of reference.	

Possible Future Issues / Items

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes
Ongoing issues			
Safeguarding and Redesign of Children's Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to be kept updated on the current position with the redesign - Challenges and Opportunities, emerging work programme, update on redesign of integrated service delivery - and given the opportunity to comment	Last update provided 16.09.10
Performance reporting	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	(key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	Wait until new performance reporting style is produced?
Inspections			

1. Unannounced Inspection	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on action plan from the Unannounced Inspection to come back 1/4rly – next update December 2010 	
2. Regulation 33		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to be informed of the outcome of any relevant inspections 	
3. Children's Services Performance rating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Performance rating – due in December – bring to Committee in January 2011 	
4. Youth Offending Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Uncertain - monitor 	
5. Fostering Inspection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the outcome from inspection when/if it occurs 	
6. Adoptions Inspection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor 	
7. Schools inspection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To come to Committee in December 	
Budget	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee represented on Budget Consultation Group preparing for the 2011/12 Budget. Chairman to provide regular update reports to Committee.	

Academies Update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To get an update on a 1/4rly basis Next update – January 2011	Last update provided 19/10/2010
SEN review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To get updates at relevant points i.e. when recommendations are produced	Last update provided 19/10/2010
Other issues			
Corporate Parenting	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Work in progress – come to Committee for comment in January.	Completed, but as there are new Members, this training session be repeated and offered again to all Members of the Committee – possibly wait until election after May
Review of Residential Provision	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Follow up on recommendations in 6 and 12 months (March & September)	Recommendations went to Cabinet for consideration on 20.09.10
Family Support Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Recommendations to come to committee in December	8 Meetings held
School Admissions Policy / TLC review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to consider this as part of the pending white paper – due December 2010	White paper consequences to supersede TLC outcomes.
Education Attainment	Supporting and Protecting our young and	Headlines submitted when available	Detailed analysis of 2010 results provided at the mid point meeting 16.09.10

	vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Possible task and finish group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group (on hold)	
Transport for Young People	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Access arrangements for young people in education and/or employment. Presentation to be made followed by a potential task and finish group	
Draft Children's' plan/ children's trust	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To be involved in consultation in mid-November (possibly report on this at a future committee – December?)	Update provided 16.09.10
Teenage Pregnancy Reduction	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Wait for result of White Paper	
IT Systems	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review of IT systems as they relate to the redesign of children's services Taking into consideration the Munroe Review	Briefed by Cath Knowles
Foster Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review of adequacy Possible task and finish group to be set up	

Connexions – Value for money	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Possible full session on the future of Connexions – in light of possible budget cuts.	Briefing received on 16.09.10
Every Child matters	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Revisit – possible refresher training to be arranged	
NEETs	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Availability of schemes for college places entry into employment etc	Possibly include as part of the Connexions review
Macclesfield High School Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To keep Committee updated after consultation events (possibly on January meeting)	Update provided on 27.07.10 and 07.09.10
Obesity and Diabetes Review		To update the Committee of recommendations and progress against these which relate to children and families.	Update received 16.11.2010 Further updates required in 6 months (May 2011)
Director of Public Health		To attend Committee to explain how they are going to report on children's health issues.	

Ongoing items/reviews

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		01/06	29/06	27/07	07/09	16/09 (mid point)	19/10	16/10 (Mid point)	07/12
REDESIGN OF CHILDENS SERVICES	When Appropriate					X			
PERFORMANCE REPORTING	Quarterly (except in instances of a red flag)								
INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS OR REVIEWS • Annual Unannounced Inspection	Quarterly						X		
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate								
REGULATION 33	Bi-annual						X		
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate								
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular			X			X		
ACADEMIES	Quarterly						X		
SEN REVIEW	When Appropriate						X		

Disregarded / Discontinued Items

Item	Date	Reason
Post 16 Transfer of Funding to Local authorities	22.09.10	Responsibility no longer with LA
Analysis of School Performance	22.09.10	To be merged with educational attainment item
Early Years Funding Reform	22.09.10	Briefing heard on 27.07.10
Children's Centres	26.10.10	Dealt with as part of the Family Support review.
School Status report	26.10.10	Merged with Academies item
Interventions in Schools	26.10.10	To be dealt with in the schools inspection item.

Task Groups – potential/current/recently completed

Title	Progress Notes/Actions
Residential Provision	Recommendations agreed 07.09.10 – went to Cabinet 20.09.10 for consideration. Come back to in 6 months (March) & 12 months (September)
Family Support	8 meetings held so far. Next meeting 5.10.10. Final report expected in December 2010.
Education attainment	Set up Task and Finish Group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group
Transport for young People	Potential task group to be set up.
Foster services	Task group established – first meeting 2/12/2010.

Links to Key Documents/Sites

Corporate Plan